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SUBJECT: GUYANA DROPS STERLING AND ADOPTS U.S. DOLLAR AS INTER-VENTION CURRENCY

REF: GEORGETOWN 858

1. GOG ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY (OCT 8) THAT EFFECTIVE OCT 9 GUYANA DOLLAR WILL BE TIED TO U.S. DOLLAR AT RATE OF GUYANESE DOLS 2.55 TO US DOLS 1.00. ACTUAL BUSINESS RATES ARE FIXED AS FOLLOWS: COMMERCIAL BANKS WILL BUY US DOLS AT GUYANESE DOLS 2.5452 AND SELL AT GUYANESE DOLS 2.5659 CENTRAL BANK WILL BUY AT GUYANESE DOLS 2.5484 AND SELL AT GUYANESE DOLS 2.5612. IN MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT, GOG SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT GUYANA WILL PERIODICALLY CHANGE EXCHANGE RATE FIGURE DEPENDING ON STRENGTHENING OR WEAKENING (PRESUMABLY LONG-TERM) OF US DOLS.

2. COMMENT: GOG MOVE UNSURPRISING IN VIEW OF BARBADOS ACTION AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT ANTICIPATED IN TRINIDAD. 2.55 FIGURE WAS BASED ON ACTUAL

MARKET RATE AT TIME OF ANNOUNCEMENT. BANK OF GUYANA OFFICIALS PROBABLY EXPECT STERLING WILL NOT RPT NOT WEAKEN MUCH FURTHER VIS-A-VIS US DOLS, AND HENCE BELIEVE RELATIVELY HIGH RATE REFLECTS LONG-TERMPOSITION FOR STERLING. MOREOVER, GUYANA HAS PURCHASED LARGE AMOUNTS OF HEQVY EQUIPMENT FROM U.S. THIS YEAR, SOME ON CREDIT, AND CONTINUES TO EXPORT MAJORITY OF ITS CALCINED BAUXITE TO U.S. (ALL BAUXITE SALES INCIDENTALLY ARE DENOMINATED IN DOLLARS AT PRESENT).
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